CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	0078.jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1400799.004
Medium:	Computer Image File Printout
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	New Zealand
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	24 September 2014
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	24 September 2014

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file printout is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The printout consists of a photograph depicting a teenager posing naked. There is a clear and obvious focus on her genitals. Such material creates or reinforces a sexual interest in underage girls and encourages the idea that young people are available for adult sexual gratification.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.